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September 7, 2007

Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
818 W. 7th Street, 12th floor
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Dear Mr. Pisano:

RE: Review of SCAG's Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting the Regional Housing Needs Plan SCAG adopted July 12, 2007, received on July 16, 2007. As you are aware, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

This RHNA Plan will be used for updates of local housing elements within the SCAG region. In a July 6, 2005 letter, the Department, as authorized by Government Code Section 65584.02, accepted SCAG's request to extend the housing element due date to June 30, 2008 to accommodate coordination with the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The Department is pleased to find the adopted RHNA plan is consistent with the region's existing and projected housing need. SCAG is commended for adopting a RHNA plan to accommodate 699,398 housing units, consistent with the Department's November 2006 Regional Housing Need Determination, and conducting public workshops throughout the region.

The Department is committed to working with SCAG and your local government members to effectively address the region's housing and community development needs through the housing element update process and other related planning and assistance efforts. We are pleased to note the leadership role that you and SCAG have demonstrated in strengthening the capacity of local governments in your region.

It has been a pleasure working with you and your staff. The Department's staff can be contacted at (916) 445-4728 for assistance. Any questions concerning the regional housing need allocation should be directed to Glen Campora, Senior Policy Advisor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy E. Creswell".

Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director